

## Message Text

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USEC BRUSSELS, GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EG

SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL.

REF: CAIRO 15815 (NOTAL)

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1. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT EC  
COMMISSION OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS RENEWAL OF MFA ON THE  
BASIS OF THE UNDERSTANDINGS IN WORKING PAPER COM.TEX/W/44;  
DURING JULY TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING EC REPRESENTATIVE  
TRAN STATED THAT EC SUPPORTED WORKING PAPER AND RENEWAL  
OF MFA ON BASIS OF UNDERSTANDINGS CONTAINED THEREIN.  
MOREOVER, ON AUGUST 10 US SENT LETTER TO GATT DIRECTOR

GENERAL LONG ON BEHALF OF US AND EC, REPEAT AND EC,  
ASKING THAT PROTOCOL BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 15 FOR RENEWAL  
OF MFA ON BASIS OF UNDERSTANDINGS IN WORKING PAPER.

2. HOWEVER, REFLECTING ATTITUDE OF SOME OF ITS MEMBER  
STATES (PARTICULARLY UK AND FRANCE), EC HAS ALSO STATED  
THAT ITS AGREEMENT TO RENEW MFA ON ABOVE BASIS DEPENDS  
UPON ITS SUCCESS IN NEGOTIATING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

WHICH (IN THE EYES OF MEMBER STATES) WILL PROTECT EC  
FROM FURTHER MARKET DISRUPTION. THUS EC'S ULTIMATE  
COURSE OF ACTION ON MFA RENEWAL IS STILL OPEN TO SOME  
QUESTION.

3. FYI. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO EC AT HIGH LEVEL THAT,  
WHILE MFA IS FLEXIBLE INSTRUMENT, IT DOES PLACE LIMITS  
ON OVERALL DEGREE OF RESTRICTIVENESS PERMITTED IN  
BILATERALS; W-44 LANGUAGE DOES NOT CHANGE THIS, AND USG  
WOULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO USE W-44 LANGUAGE IN A WAY  
WHICH WOULD VIOLATE MFA. END FYI.

4. REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO GET THIS TO YOU IN TIME FOR  
SEPT. 27 MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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